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Comment: Northeast NPR-A Planning Area

Dear Northeast Planning Area,

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Of the alternatives offered in the most recent Northeast National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A) proposal, I strongly support the only sensible one of the trio: Alternative A - the "No Action" Alternative. Both the preferred Alternative B and the "no holds barred" Alternative C are unworthy of contemplation.

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The protective wildlife uniformity as portrayed in Alternative B - the preferred Alternative - over the 1998 Record of Decision (ROD), is not a sound basis upon which to make the former more marketable, (sic) acceptable to both the local inhabitants and the American populace as a whole. The expanded one-quarter mile buffer around the southern portion of Teshekpuk Lake, and additional protection along the Tingmiaksiqvik (Ublutuok) River are inadequate tradeoffs for the additional 387,000 acres (604.7 square miles) open to oil and natural gas development.

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With all due respect to the integrity of BLM Alaska State Director Henri Bisson, the 9 June 2004 statement has portions which are verbatim from statements and speeches made by Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton over one year ago. One can begin to question whether undue pressure from a presidential can override the common sense of a career US government employee.

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From the three alternatives presented, I once again urge you to accept Alternative A - the "No Action" Alternative - as the only reasonable one. The 79 prescriptive- based stipulations will at least give some environmental and cultural protections, as originally written in the 1998 ROD. However, I urge you to reconsider the trio and formulate another alternative which would uniformly better protect the 4.6 million acres of NPR-A.

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Legal

Whatever the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) may state, I do trust that you will continue to keep the following in mind:

"BLM Mission:

It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations."

"The Bureau of Land Management administers public lands within a framework of numerous laws. The most comprehensive of these is the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). All Bureau policies, procedures and management actions must be consistent with FLPMA and the other laws that govern use of the public lands."

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments on the upcoming NPR-A decision.

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Attached: None